

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

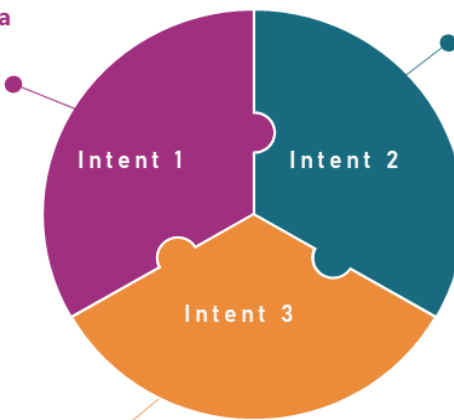
Disabilities – Recommendation 3

Recommendation Summary: Reduce wait times for diagnostic assessments with a strategy to recruit and hire.

Primary Public Body: Manitoba Health

1. Reduce wait times for diagnostic assessment to six months through a coordination agreement.

Manitoba Health reported that there has been an increase in the number of children and youth being treated. Additional resources have been committed through the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Taskforce (DSRTF) to reduce wait times for diagnostic assessments for children suspected of having a disability.



2. Recruit and hire additional child psychologists and developmental pediatricians.

The department reported a commitment of \$200 million through the Health Human Resources Action Plan to recruit, retrain, and educate additional health care providers including child psychologists and developmental pediatricians.

3. Research and develop incentives in partnership with the University of Manitoba's Department of Pediatrics to increase the number of trainees in child psychology and developmental pediatrics.

No information was provided about efforts or actions put in place to comply with this intent.

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0.25

Limitedly Compliant

Recommendation Compliance Summary

In accordance with subsection 11(1) clause (d) of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act (ACYA)*, the Advocate retains the responsibility "to monitor the implementation of recommendations included in reports made under section 27 (investigation) or special reports made under section 31."

This form details the assessment of implementation of compliance made under the referenced subsection of the ACYA. MACY assesses implementation of compliance with recommendations once a year but receives updates from public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
Special Report Name:	Bridging the Gaps: Achieving Substantive Equality for Children with Disabilities in Manitoba
Date Released:	3/25/2021
Full Recommendation: (including details)	Recommendation Three: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that Manitoba Health and Seniors Care, Shared Health Manitoba, and Regional Health Authorities work together to create and resource a financially sustainable coordination agreement to reduce wait-times for diagnostic assessment for children suspected of having a disability, with the goal of wait-times less than six months between referral and diagnosis.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	The intents of the recommendation are to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce wait times for diagnostic assessment to six months through a coordination agreement. 2. Recruit and hire additional child psychologists and developmental pediatricians. 3. Research and develop incentives in partnership with the University of Manitoba's Department of Pediatrics to increase the number of trainees in child psychology and developmental pediatrics.
Issue:	Disabilities
Public Body	Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:	June 30, 2022
2. Compliance Determination	
Limitedly Compliant 0.25	Actions taken only implement a small part of the recommendation, requirements are only fulfilled to a limited degree by actions taken, resulting in significant deficiency in implementation.
Self-Assessment	N/A
Previous Compliance Determination	N/A
3. Rationale for Determination <i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	
Intent 1: Reduce wait times for diagnostic assessment to six months through a coordination agreement. 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba Health reported that there has been an upward trend in the number of children and youth being attended to. 	

- Manitoba Health reported that this increase means that measures taken may not reduce wait times but only imply that more children can be taken care of due to the increase in demand.
- Manitoba Health also reported that additional resources have been committed through the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Taskforce (DSRTF).
- The department further indicated that the sole intent of the DSRTF is to reduce wait times for diagnostic assessments for children suspected of having a disability.
- Manitoba Health's submission also stated that the proposal has now been vetted by the Advisory Committee and is being recommended to move forward for approval to the Steering Committee.

Intent 2: Recruit and hire additional child psychologists and developmental pediatricians.

2022

- The department reported a commitment of \$200,000,000 through the Health Human Resources Action Plan to recruit, retain, and educate additional health care providers.
- It should be noted that not all of this funding is dedicated to children and youth, but "child health" has been recognized as an urgent priority area for these positions and recruitment will include child psychologists and developmental pediatricians.

Intent 3: Research and develop incentives in partnership with the University of Manitoba's Department of Pediatrics to increase the number of trainees in child psychology and developmental pediatricians.

2022

- No information was provided about efforts or actions put in place to comply with this intent.

Analysis Summary: Manitoba Health reported the commitment to reduce wait times for diagnostic assessments for children suspected of having a disability through the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Taskforce (DSRTF). There is also a commitment of \$200 million through the Health Human Resources Action Plan to recruit health care providers, including child psychologists and developmental pediatricians. Preliminary actions have been taken to implement intents 1 and 2. No information has been provided towards the implementation of intent 3. As such, this recommendation has been deemed limitedly compliant.